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S.C.R. No.

118

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, in many other inhabited areas water is available but it is so polluted with disease-bearing bacteria that the water is unfit or unsafe for human consumption, and

WHEREAS, this total lack of clean, safe water is a health hazard to the entire State and a constant cause of painful diseases which always weaken and often kill, and

WHEREAS, an adequate supply of potable water for domestic use of each household is a prime necessity for the health, safety and welfare of ALL the residents of this State, and is an overriding concern of this Legislature, and

WHEREAS, we have several agencies working to solve the State's water problems, but none has the responsibility to make certain that clean, safe drinking water is available to all residents, and

WHEREAS, many affected areas are ready to help themselves but need expert assistance and professional guidance in solving their water problems, particularly with regard to securing grants, loans and other financing under existing State and Federal programs, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring That:

The Texas State Department of Health, the Texas Water Quality Board and the Texas Water Rights Commission be and they are hereby expressly directed to study the problem of securing adequate, clean and safe drinking water for all households in Texas, and shall report their findings and recommendations thereon to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker of the House of Representatives before the convening of the 63d Legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that until such time as the Legislature shall have acted upon such recommendations, the three agencies designated shall and they are hereby authorized and directed to give all assistance now allowed by law to areas and residents of this State seeking to obtain or improve supplies of clean and safe drinking water, particularly with regard to planning of systems and facilities and to the securing of grants, loans and other financing under available State and Federal programs, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all governmental agencies are hereby directed to give all possible assistance to the three above-named agencies in carrying out the tasks imposed by this Resolution.

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Lieutenant Governor

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. C. R. No. 118 was adopted by the
Senate on May 25, 1971.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. C. R. No. 118 was adopted by the
House on May 27, 1971.

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Signed

Governor

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